

SAN DIEGO DX CLUB

BULLETIN



July 2003



**Join us at
The Hindquarter
Restaurant, 7040 Miramar
Road
July 23, 2003 Social Hour, 5:30
P.M. - Dinner, 6:30 P.M. -
Meeting, 7:00 P.M**

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Words from our Prez!!



John Barcroft K6AM

First off, a big thanks to our outgoing officers, Uncle Ed, W6KUT who did a full three years as board member, and Arnie, W7BIA who came through with a fine job as president, despite being a relative newcomer to DX'ing. Also please welcome back Jim, K6ZH as your new VP and beard member Terry Baxter, N6CW, both veterans of the SDDXC officer corp. And of course Harry, W6YOO, hangs in there solid as a rock as secretary/treasurer for the tenth year in a row, surpassing the previous record set by Sam, W6BS.

As a new term begins, we have hit the ground running. Jim has put together another must see program for July and the summer bash is cast in stone for August. However, we have a couple of big challenges ahead of us. First, the bands are going downhill fast and DX is drying up. Second, our membership number is slowly dropping as guys retire from the hobby or move out of town.

While we can't do anything about the sunspots, we can make the most of what we do have. In the coming years the low bands will actually improve as the sunspots go away and everyone migrates lower in frequency. Also the FCC has just opened a new band at 60 m. Right now it's fairly restricted, but I'm hopeful it will become a viable DX band in the years to come.

I am planning on continuing Arnie's fine efforts at recruiting new DX'ers. You can help too. When you meet someone who is getting tired of the nets on 75 meters and is ready to have some real fun, introduce them to DX'ing. One of the best ways to get 'em hooked is to try one of the big contests like CQWW or ARRL DX. Once they see how easy it is to get 50 - 100 countries in the log in one weekend, they'll never look back.

San Diego DX Club Policy on content of DX Bulletin and/or E-mail Reflector

The San Diego DX Club, a group of Amateur Radio operators, interested in the art of Dxing, publish a monthly newsletter, and maintains an e-mail reflector where members and officers can post information of interest to other members.

Our policy is to print and/or post only information that is related to Amateur Radio, and not items of a political or religious nature, unless it has an impact on Amateur Radio, such as antenna ordinances, etc.

If a member wishes to have printed/posted any topic that is not Amateur Radio related, they can submit a copy to the club newsletter editor, webmaster, e-mail reflector moderator or any club officer, and the matter will be discussed and decided upon by the Board of Directors.

Summer Bash Coming Soon!!!! Mark your calendars August 24th at W6YA's QTH Details in Aug issue

TREASURER'S REPORT
June 30, 2003

Balance as of May 31, 2003:	\$2,837.03
Income:	None
Expenses:	
Printing Supplies:	51.55
Speaker's Mugs (K6AM&N7CW):	25.86
Printing/Postage:	6.83
Food for June Meeting:	110.73
Beverages for June Meeting:	77.29
TOTAL:	272.26
Balance as of Jun 30, 2003:	\$2,564.67
Petty Cash on Hand:	20.00
Checking & Petty Cash	\$2,584.67

CLUB MEETNG MINUTES
June 21, 2003

The San Diego DX Club held its regular meeting on June 21, 2003 at the home of Jim Stevenson, W6YI, in Valley Center, CA. Following an excellent lunch of a six foot long Italian Sub and chips, the meeting was called to order by President Arnie, W7BIA at 1:40 PM. There were 20 members and guests present.

Secretary/Treasurer Harry, W6YOO presented the previous meeting's minutes and the financial report.

There was a discussion about Field Day and items remaining to be accomplished.

President Arnie, W7BIA, conducted a tour of the state OES van which he had driven to the meeting, Certainly an impressive communications facility

The proposed slate of officers for the 2003-2004 club year was read by the Secretary. A request for additional nominations from the floor received no response and the nominations were closed. The following slate was elected by acclamation:

President: John Barcroft, K6AM

VP: Jim Price, K6ZH

Secy/Tres: Harry Hodges, W6YOO

Board Members:

Leon Helms, N6VS – One Year

Bud Semon, N7CW – Two Years

Terry Baxter, N6CW – Three Years

Arnie Lewin, W7BIA becomes Past President when the new officers take office on July 1, 2003.

The program was a slide presentation of the recent contest expedition to ZF by John, K6AM and Bud, N7CW and others for the CQ WW WPX CW contest. The team accumulated over 12,000,000 points and scored Third in the World! Congratulations. We also learned that Murphy is not respectful of Hams as according to Murphy's Law: "If it is possible for something to go wrong, it will, and at the worst possible time."

President Arnie, W7BIA presented John and Bud each with a club speaker's mug.

Thanks to Jim, W6YI for opening his beautiful home to our club members. He has a most impressive shack and antenna farm.

There was no formal closing of the meeting as members stayed on beyond the program to chat, further inspect the OES van, admire Jim's home and Amateur Radio setup and enjoy the wonderful views.

Respectfully Submitted,
HARRY A. HODGES, W6YOO
Secretary/Treasurer

**"HAMMING ALONG THE COCONUT MILK RUN-
A SAIL ACROSS THE PACIFIC FROM SAN DIEGO
TO NEW ZEALAND."**



Our July Program!!!!

In January of 2001, Clark Straw, N5XX, and his XYL, Suzy, sailed their boat, the FINAL STRAW, past Point Loma bound for Puerto Vallarta. They spent the year sailing and hamming from the Sea of Cortez and Pacific Mexico. Then, in March of 2002, they departed Mexico bound for New Zealand. Along the way, they made stops in the Marquesas, Tuamotus, Society Islands, South Cook Islands, Niue and Tonga. Clark operated from the islands as FO/N5XX, ZK1XXX, ZK2XX and A35XX. They also made short stops at Beveridge Reef (ZK1XXX/2) and North Minerva Reef (A35XX/p). They arrived in New Zealand on November 5th 2002, in time to see the Americas Cup. In this program, Clark will share some of the adventure and challenge of a Pacific crossing and he will describe his experience hamming from the islands.

COVER PHOTO.....

THREE OF SAN DIEGO DX CLUB'S FINEST EXHIBITING
THEIR OPERATING TALENTS DURING FIELD DAY ACTIVITIES.

THE SDDXC TOP 10

By John, K6AM



TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 6 METERS

7/03	7/02	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	N6CW	27	96	98	102	+5
2.	2.	K0YW		32	32	62	-
3.	3.	K6TQ	18	57	57	57	+5
4.	4.	N6ND		10	10	33	-
5.	5.	N7CW	15	7	7	27	+2
6.	6.	W6EUF		17	17	22	-
7.	7.	K6ZH	12	14	14	20	-
8.	8.	KB5MY		?	?	15	-
9.	9.	WA6MHZ		?	10	10	-
10.	10.	N6AW		6	6	6	-

TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 160 METERS

7/03	7/02	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	K6TQ	34	175	175	175	+6
2.	2.	N6ND	32	71	71	166	-2
3.	4.	W6YA	28	?	?	124	+14
4.	3.	W6KUT	29	119	119	122	-
5.	5.	N6AW	29	106	106	109	-
6.	6.	K6AM		93	93	99	+1
7.	7.	K6XT	29	?	?	97	-
8.	8.	W6EUF		46	46	68	-9.
9.	9.	N6KI		3	3	49	-
10.	10.	N7CW	19	4	4	46	-

Terry, N6CW has become one of the only, if not *the* only six meter DXCC holder on the west coast. I was just over at Terry's house. He is kinda down in a hole, which makes this even more of an accomplishment! Nice work, Terry. Meanwhile 160 is starting to show signs of life again. We should see a couple more DXCC's handed out in the next year.

Both these bands are now being reported together since they both represent the ultimate challenge for the DX'er. Each takes the patience of a saint to wait out the ever-so-rare opening that may only last 5 minutes and be missed if someone in the right spot is not transmitting at just the right time. Our hats off to the top 10 winners in these categories.

Each month, we will publish top ten lists for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, RTTY, phone, and CW. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months.

My address is 4286 Farley Ct., San Diego, CA 92122, or bring 'em to the meeting.

IARU Concludes Meeting.....Changes to the Amateur Radio Service

40 METERS TO BE CLEAR OF FOREIGN BROADCASTERS

CW NO LONGER A TREATY REQUIREMENT FOR HF OPERATION

Broadcasters will be moving out of the 7100 to 7200 KHz portion of 40 meters starting in 2009, allowing Amateurs in all regions to enjoy communications. American Amateurs will still enjoy their present privileges in that band. Think this is a long way off? One of the original time lines had the change occurring in 2003. 2009 does not sound so bad after all.

Another change that came about during the conference was the deletion of Morse code as a requirement for HF entry. Deletion of the requirement now allows each country's administration (FCC) to decide if the code requirement should be retained.

For complete details, visit the ARRL web site at www.arrl.org



Local VHF Frequencies For Dxers

Frequency	Call	Mode	Other Info
144.415	QRZ?	Simplex	Voice announcing and chat frequency.
144.950	KM6K	Packet	San Diego Central
145.690	K6KT	Packet	North County inland

Internet DX spots: send a message to:
sddxcnews@yahoogroups.com and include all info.
Info will go to all those on reflector locally.

The packet cluster nodes are privately operated.
The Sysops have kindly invited the SDDXC members to use their equipment.



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